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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1. (currently amended) A method of increasing insulin sensitivity in a mammalian patient in need thereof, comprising administering to a patient an effective amount of a nitric oxide donor compound selected from the group consisting of: 3-morpholinosydnonimine (SIN-1), sodium nitrite, nitroprusside, and S-nitroso-N-acetyl-D, L-penicillamine (SNAP).

Claim 2 (previously presented) The method according to claim 1, wherein said administering step comprises orally administering the compound.

Claim 3 (previously presented) The method according to claim 1, wherein said administering step comprises injecting the compound.

Claims 4-18 (cancelled)

Claim 19. (previously presented) The method according to claim 1, wherein said insulin sensitivity is hepatic sensitizing substance (HISS) dependent insulin sensitivity.